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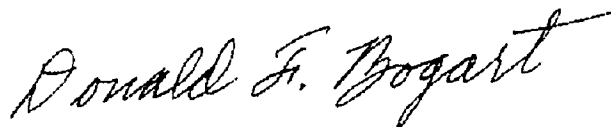
Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I believe that it was a tremendously important and beneficial decision for the Department of Justice to have settled the case against Microsoft. Having spent the past twenty years in the software business, I can attest to the positive impact that Microsoft and other innovative companies have had in contributing to the remarkable productivity gains which helped to generate a robust national economy for many years. Without this leadership and technological advantage, our country would be far less able to succeed in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

I think that the current settlement is fair to both sides. I was happy to learn that The State of Ohio is ready to settle the case. Further litigation and congressional hearings would benefit no one but Microsoft's competitors.

Sincerely,



Donald Bogart
President
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